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WASHINGTON (AP)--SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER DIRKSEN HINTED TODAY AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SENATE PROBE OF REPORTED LEAKS OF SECRET TESTIMONY BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR ALLEN W. DULLES.

"I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT MERITS FURTHER ATTENTION BY THE SENATE," DIRKSEN SAID IN A SPEECH.

LATER, DIRKSEN TOLD NEWSMEN CONCERN OVER LEAKS OF MILITARY INFORMATION FROM CLOSED-DOOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT A MORNING MEETING BETWEEN REPUBLICAN HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. THE ILLINOIS SENATOR SAID HE ALSO WAS CONCERNED THAT SOME GENERALS WERE TALKING TOO MUCH IN PUBLIC.

DIRKSEN DESCRIBED EISENHOWER AS "INTENSE BUT NOT MAD" ABOUT THE SITUATION.

EMERGING FROM THAT MEETING, HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER HALLECK ACCUSED CERTAIN DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS OF BEING "MORE INTERESTED IN MAKING HEADLINES THAN HEADWAY SO FAR AS DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY IS CONCERNED."

HALLECK FURTHER CHARGED THAT THESE DEMOCRATS WERE TRYING TO MAKE THE UNITED STATES APPEAR AS SECOND RATE POWER.

THE HOUSE GOP LEADER SPARRED WITH REPORTERS WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE WAS TALKING ABOUT SENS. JOHNSON AND SYMINGTON.

"YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE AS WELL AS I DO," HALLECK SAID.

BOTH JOHNSON AND SYMINGTON ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AND BOTH HAVE BEEN STRONGLY CRITICAL OF EISENHOWER MILITARY POLICY, CONTENDING IT IS EXPOSING THE UNITED STATES TO POSSIBLE MISSILE ATTACK BY RUSSIA.

SEN. JACKSON, ANOTHER WHO SAYS THE ADMINISTRATION ISN'T DOING ENOUGH TO ARM THE COUNTRY, RETORTED THAT "APPARENTLY HALLECK IS AFRAID THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

ARE BEING ALERTED."

"WE ARE NOT TRYING TO MAKE AMERICA A SECOND CLASS POWER," JACKSON SAID  
IN AN INTERVIEW. "WE ARE TRYING TO PREVENT AMERICA FROM BECOMING ONE."

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